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1. At the meeting held in Cairo on 13 November 1948, the Arab League considered recommendations which had been submitted by Arab generals from Lebanon, Iraq, and Tunis, and by military representatives from Transjordan, Saudi Arabia and the Arab irregular forces. The results of the meeting are not known.
2. Conclusions of the military commanders, which had been previously drawn up at a meeting in Cairo, were as follows:
 - a. In view of the strength of the Jewish forces, the Arabs must limit their military efforts to defensive operations, and the time thus gained is to be spent in reorganization and acquisition of arms and ammunition.
 - b. The Arab League must consult with the Arab military commanders prior to making any military decision. Politicians are not to be allowed to interfere with the conduct of military operations.
 - c. A unified command for the Arab armies and a common line of defense is essential.
3. The Lebanese GHQ interprets the above statement regarding unified command and a common line of defense (paragraph 2c) to mean that the Arabs will counterattack in other sectors in the event that the Jews attack Arab positions.

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